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## ITEMS FROM FARMERS

Of Farmers, For Farmers And Pertaining To Farmers.

Good white oak posts and cord wood for sale.—F. D. Proctor.

Oak Lumber for sale.—F. & A. WHITMAR.

Saunders & Moyers for Wind Mills.

Saunders & Moyers will do your work right.

For Sale.

Five hundred Native and Western breeding ewes.—Henry Durst, Ely, Mo.

R. M. Washburn, the State Dairy Commissioner, was here Saturday on his annual inspection of creameries. He found the plant here clean, in charge of a competent man and it is an industry which deserves the patronage of the people. He found that for the best interests of the creamery as well as the community in general and all individuals, too many people are shipping cream out of town instead of selling to the local creamery. If outside institutions will raise the price of cream just as soon as a creamery is located, as they have done here, it is certain that should they be successful in their object—run the local creamery out of existence—then the price of cream will be reduced to a price even lower than they were paying before the local creamery was thought of.

What is Land Worth?

Land has two values—a practical and absolute. The practical value is the working value—its value as an interest-paying investment. It is a temporary and varying value and concerns only the present. The absolute value represents what may be termed the total value of the land, the value of its ingredients, regardless of its present productive capacity. This value is based upon what the soil has in it, and upon what it can be expected to do in the future, if properly managed. With present methods the practical value is high enough. With the better methods that we expect in the near future, it will be too low. The absolute value will be too high "practically," for many years to come. The practical value will gradually approach the absolute, but may never quite reach it, except near large cities.

The practical value of land is governed in a general way by three things: (1) Its present productive capacity. (2) The price of labor. (3) The value of its products. It is certain that we can increase the productive capacity of our land. The price of labor will doubtless advance, as it has in the past. The value of farm products may reasonably be expected to advance.

Prices are higher in the older sections of the U. S., and there appears no good reason why they won't be better here in the future. The price of labor may be kept almost at its present rate by the use of labor saving machinery that will be developed, and the indications are, then, that a practical value of land will steadily increase.

Absolute value. The market price of nitrogen is about 15 cts per lb, of phosphorus and potash about 5 cts. Granting that we can obtain nitrogen from manure, and clover or cowpeas for considerably less, it would be fair to place the price of all the elements of fertility at the same price—5 cts per lb. Our soil, by analysis, contains: Nitrogen 8020 lbs; phosphorus 1440 lbs, and potash 6720 lbs,—a total of 11,180 lbs, in the top 7 inches per acre. This at 5 cts per lb, gives \$559.00 as the absolute value of an acre of our soil to a depth of 7 inches. We have also 13 inches of sub-soil that contains a good supply of plant food, but in a less available form than that in the surface soil. The sub-soil is a sort of reserve force. Certain deep rooted plants, like the clovers, have the power of reaching down into the sub-soil, gathering plant food from it, and bringing it to the surface soil for future crops.

By proper rotation of crops—with a legume always in the rotation—and the use of all manure available, with enough commercial phosphorus to supply our deficiency there is no reason why the amount of plant food should not last for many generations, and under these conditions the absolute value of the \$559.00 per acre might be termed its permanent value.

BYRON MCFARLAND.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 27.—Frost was reported in the Iowa lowlands today for the first time this season, although it is not thought the great Iowa corn crop will suffer damage because of it.

For Sale.

A few choice bred Poland China pigs, of both sex.

M. L. McREYNOLDS.

Lee Ely is one of those progressive farmers laboring under the impression; there's nothing too good for me, and there isn't anything too good for a Missouri farmer. He has been to Brantford, Canada, and bought eight head of ewes imported from England. They will not be shipped to him until December, because he wanted them bred to the buck that was the Champion at the International show at Chicago.

Saturday morning Steve Kendrick of near Hatch told us: We have 41 acres of corn that will make 50 bushels per acre.

John Greathouse has sold a mule colt to M. Gill for \$97.50.

W. B. Arnold started to his farm with a gentleman to show him a bunch of mules, but the big rains have taken all of the blues out of W. B. and before reaching the farm he refused to make a price on the stock, so the gentleman had no recourse but to return to the city.

James B Elliott has bought 19 stock ewes.

Isaac Melson has bought beeves from; A G Dooley 12, J D Bush 3, J Bannister 3, sold 3 to Hawkins Bros. and sent 10 head to the Bluff City Monday.

When it comes to a butter cow Frank Thomas has every one, including Dug Crawford, skinned. Cream weighs 8 lbs to the gallon and from one gallon of that cows cream he gets 7 1/2

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## ABOUT THE CHURCHES.

Interesting News Concerning the Different Denominations.

His Column Closes Promptly at 9 a. m. Each Wednesday. Don't Forget it.

Tuesday, Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff and Rev. J. O. Whitworth left for Carrollton to attend Annual conference. These preachers have faithfully discharged their work in their respective fields and it is to be hoped that they will be returned again for another year.

Rev. H. H. Johnson, wife and son will attend conference at Carrollton next week. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be entertained by the same lady who entertained them as bride and groom 12 years ago. At this conference Rev. Johnson's next appointment will be decided. The Press-Spectator hopes that he will be returned to Salisbury where, during his two years' ministry, he has accomplished much good and he and his wife have made many warm friends.—Press Spectator.

Sister Cunningham of Kansas City spent the latter part of the week in the city with her mother, Mrs. Bridget Fitzpatrick and other relatives. She was accompanied by Sister Emily.

We don't know how it looks to church people, but we know it does look a little hard to a newspaper man, who has given the churches unlimited space and from daylight Thursday morning until 9 a. m. the following Wednesday, to use it, and then have them come to him at 1 p. m. Wednesday and say: Say, you can get this in if you wanted to, you see I forgot it, of course I could have done it sooner, but, honestly I forgot it. By 9 a. m. each Wednesday all space in the DEMOCRAT is provided for and to cut out matter already set up means, that much labor lost, that much extra labor to perform and that much time lost that has to be made up by three people at night in a thundering, if you disapprove of the term, come to the office after 6 p. m. and see, that office. Kindly once again read the headlines at top of church column and then guide your memory by them.

Elders King and Bibb have closed an interesting meeting with the Bethlehem church southeast of the city.

The ice cream supper at Sharpsburg Saturday night netted \$15 for the ladies.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Meeting of the officers of the church Thursday 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST.

There will be regular services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

The church sent the following delegates to the Bethel Baptist Association which is in session with the Emerson church. Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Reid, J. M. and Dr. T. Proctor, and Pearl McReynolds.

HOLY ROSARY.

Holy Rosary school will re-

open for business on Tuesday, Sept. 4th.

Mass, sermon and Benediction next Sunday at Brush Creek at 10 a. m. Father Cunningham will attend.

The usual services at Holy Rosary church, mass at 8 and 10 o'clock a. m.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH.

Rev H. G. Limric, Rector. Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 11 a. m. Evening Prayer 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Friday, 7:30 p. m. Litany and choir practice.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

CHRISTIAN.

There will be regular services by the Pastor Sunday.

Bush.

J. Porter Bush died in the hospital in Quincy, Tuesday night.

He was born in Lexington, Ky., Nov. 2, 1836; married Miss Annie E., daughter of Joshua Gentry, Nov. 15, 1860, in Marion County, Mo., and lived on his farm just south of this city since that date.

To that union was born ten children. Those surviving him are Fred, Charles, Jessie, Sallie and Nettie, and three grandchildren.

Possibly no man in the county had more friends than Porter Bush. He had been a member of the Christian church since boyhood.

As his son Fred, of Alvin, Texas, is expected home, it is very likely the funeral will not occur until Saturday.

First Day.

Under the circumstances, month of August, the Agricultural display at the fair grounds was very fine. The Sheep and Hog pens are well filled with nice stock.

The jack and mule colt rings were fine. The 3 year-old saddle ring good. The buggy race a frost, Col. Bill "pulled" his horse. The 1/4 mile dash was worth your while.

Here's a compliment: Chas. Lamb, starter at the fair said: "Outside of the large cities, I know of no amphitheater or track that is near as good as this one is."

One word of suggestion: The crowd was very slim and will always be so the first day until the first day's rings are made worth while. People do not want to pay money for frost.

School.

The Catholic school will open next Monday and the public schools on Monday, Sept. 10. Every pupil should be ready to commence the first day and then should attend every day during the term. The new law compels every child between 8 and 14 years to attend some school.

Busted.

Hon. W. T. Ragland has dashed the hopes of some people to the earth and raised the spirits of others to the seventh heaven. He has had quashed all the indictments against those charged with the illegal selling of liquors.

## PADDY'S BROTHER

Had a Twin Whose Name is Monroe City Commercial Club.

Call us kickers, call us alarmists if you will, but as you appear to not know, or to be asleep or is it indifference, we are going to tell you some uncontrovertible facts.

A Commercial Club was organized in this city a few months ago and then from its colossal labor hunted a shade tree and is sleeping a sleep, by the side of which Rip Van Winkle's was a quiet restful nap.

Our business has placed us for years where we see and know what no other man in this city except J. L. Lyons, knows, and his position forbids him to open his mouth.

When at the depot Friday we saw a lot of furniture—enough to furnish a new house entire—and boxes and packages of goods galore, from out of town houses. In fact we have seen enough to convince us of this: There has been more goods sold to and delivered to—they pay cash—people in this city and vicinity in the past year, than the merchants sold here when Mr. Lyon first became agent at this place.

Quarreling with the people will do no good. In fact you will only drive them further and further away by that course.

Now listen and read this story: During the year 1905 Monroe City shipped 340 car loads of cattle, hogs, lambs and sheep. Hassard 112 cars of the same products. The same year Monroe shipped 1 of corn, 3 of oats and 33 of hay, while Hassard shipped 10 of corn, 9 of oats and 12 of hay. And up to date in 1906 Hassard has shipped to our certain knowledge more of some of those products than this city. Two years ago there was a little cross roads store at Hassard. Today with possibly two exceptions it is doing as much or more business than any house in this city.

Now harken to this: We believe that we have an honest inside tip, before corn is planted again, there will be two new large stores down at that burg.

Can you read between the lines? Is it possible that you do not see what is happening within four miles of you?

Don't you know that the past four years have been the most prosperous ones to the farmer in this section of the country, in this country's history, crops have been above the average and prices have been good and yet, the Increase in Trade in this city does not near correspond with it.

There must be a cause for it. There is a cause for it and we had hoped that a live Commercial Club would seek that cause and would find a cure for it, but instead it has gone to sleep willing to let things drift, we hope not drift beyond recall.

With a blare of trumpets we invited the leaders of the Hannibal Commercial Club to meet with us, to advise us, to show us how to meet our needs, how to accomplish ends and how to

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